

***Certification Requirements for
Persons Who Install, Repair or
Close Underground Storage Tank
Systems***



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APPLICABILITY



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- *The requirements of LAC 33:X1.1301 apply to persons engaged in critical junctures of a UST system.*
- *After January 20, 1992, no person shall conduct critical junctures of a UST system unless the person present at the site and exercising responsible supervisory control over the critical juncture is currently certified.*



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DEFINITIONS



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- **Installation** – the process of placing a UST system in the ground and preparing it to be put into service.
- **Repair** – modification or correction of a UST system through such means as replacement of valves, fill pipes, vents and liquid level monitoring systems, and the routine maintenance and inspection of the efficacy of cathodic protection devices.
- **Closure** – the process of removing and disposing of a UST system no longer in service, the process of abandoning such a system in place through the use of prescribed techniques for the purging of vapors and the filling of the vessel with an inert material, the process of collecting subsurface samples.



Requirements for Certification **Examinations**



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Application and Fees

- *This information regarding an applicants qualifications shall be provided on a department prescribed application form. Applications shall include a listing of jobs performed, their locations, and the names of the companies/employers for whom the jobs were conducted.*
- *Fees*
 - *Examination fee for individual certification is \$132.00.*

EXPERIENCE



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- *Any person who applies for a certificate addressing UST system installation/repair must demonstrate the following:*
 - *Two years of experience and*
 - *Active participation in a minimum of five (5) separate jobs (three must be installations) conducted after Dec. 22, 1988.*



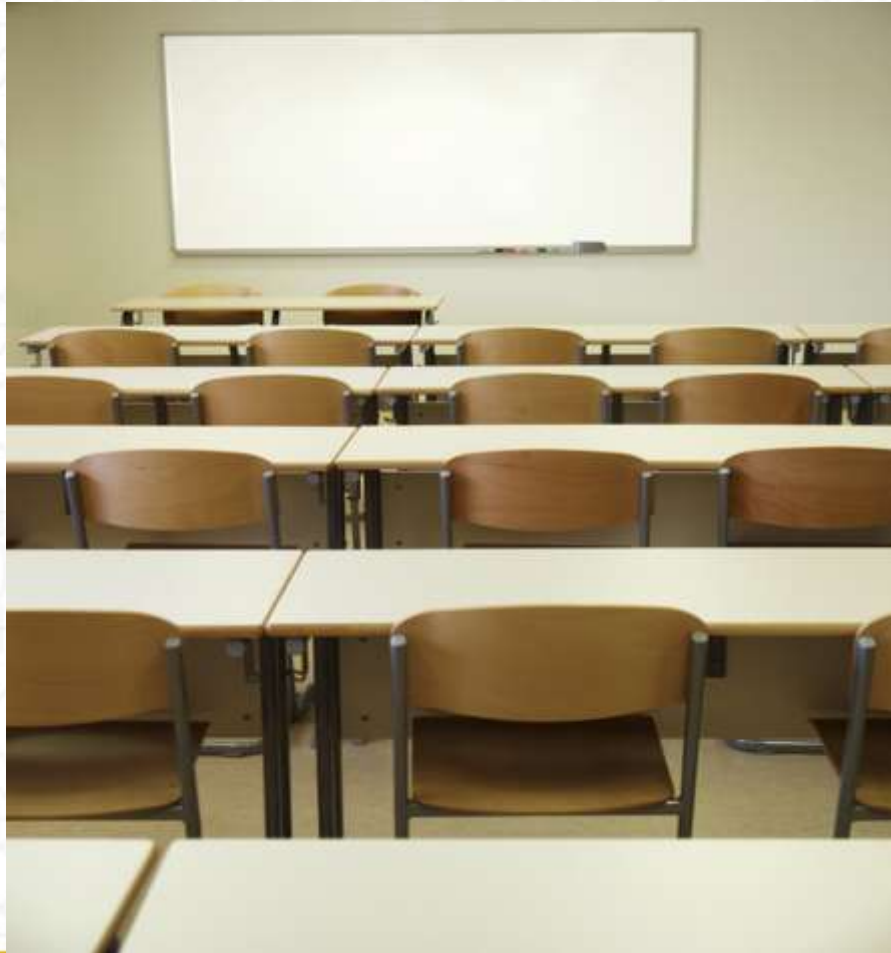
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- *Any person who applies for a certificate addressing UST system closure must demonstrate the following:*
 - *Two years of experience in UST system closures and*
 - *Active participation in a minimum of five (5) separate jobs involving UST system closures conducted after Dec. 22, 1988.*
 - *The following may substitute for the experience:*
 - *A civil or mechanical engineering degree from a recognized college or university or*
 - *Closely related work experience on a year for year basis*



Administration of Examinations



- *Examinations shall be conducted by personnel of the department or persons designated by the department.*
- *The department or persons designated by the department shall conduct written examinations at such times and locations within the state as the department may designate in order to identify persons as being qualified to receive UST certification.*
- *At least two examinations shall be offered per year.*



Passing Grade and Failed Examinations

- *Passing Grade – candidates for certification shall correctly answer not less than 75 percent of the questions in a category of certification to qualify for that category of certification.*
- *No person shall be issued a certificate unless he or she successfully passed a written examination in accordance with LAC 33:XI.1307 (a score of 75 percent is required).*
- *Failed Examinations – no applicant will be allowed to take an examination more than three times within a 12 month period. Applicable fees must be submitted each time before the new examination may be taken.*



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Certification Categories

- *Installation/Repair (IR)*
- *Closure(C)*
 - *Once a person becomes eligible to take the exam and passes with no less than 75 percent he/she will be issued the following:*
 - *A Certificate – displaying the category of certification and a identifying number*



STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Hereby certifies that:

Has complied with all requirements of LAC 33:XI.1307.D of the Underground Storage Tanks Regulations and is hereby authorized to perform the duties of:

INSTALLATION/REPAIR AND CLOSURE

CERTIFICATION NO. IRC-

ISSUED JULY 9, 2009

AGENCY INTEREST NO.

EXPIRES DECEMBER 31,

Failure to comply with all applicable provisions of La. R.S. 2025.E. (1) (a) and La. R.S. 2025.F (2) (a) may result in civil and/or criminal enforcement actions by the State.

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Issuance and Display of Identification Cards and Certificates

- *Upon issuance of a UST certificate, the department will issue an identification card that shows the persons name, state identification number and the issuing state, categories of certification, certificate number, certificate issuance date and certificate expiration date.*
- *A person who holds a current certificate shall present his or her identification card upon request by a representative of the Department of Environmental Quality or the owner or operator of the UST system for which installation, repair or closure is to be conducted.*





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Identification Cards

– *There are three certification cards issued they are as follows:*

- *The color green acknowledges that this person is certified in the category installation/repair and closure.*
- *The color yellow acknowledges that this person is certified in the category installation/repair.*
- *The color orange acknowledges that this person is certified in the category closure.*

	<i>LDEQ/USTD certifies that:</i>	
	Agency Interest #	
<i>Has complied with all requirements of LAC 33:XI.1307.D of the Underground Storage Tanks Regulations and is hereby authorized to perform the duties of:</i>		
		IRC -
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Certification Renewal

- *A person who has been issued a certificate may renew it for another two-year period by paying the designated renewal fee of \$132.00 and:*
 - *Submit on a department prescribed form, a certificate renewal application demonstrating that he or she has completed 16 hours of department-approved continuing education training courses.*
 - *Submit on a department prescribed form, a certificate renewal application and successfully passing a written examination.*

Expiration of Certificates

- *All UST certificates and certificate renewals shall expire **December 31** of every second year. Applications for certificate renewal and payment of the renewal fee should be submitted to the Office of Environmental Services by **November 1** of each year they expire.*
- *A person whose certificate has expired prior to compliance of this section shall be considered a new applicant for certification.*



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Changes in Employment

- *It is incumbent upon a certified person to provide written notification to the Office of Environmental Services within 20 days after his or her knowledge of a change in employment.*

Denial of Issuance or Renewal of a Certificate or Revocation of a Certificate

- Failure to achieve a passing grade on the written examination
- Failure to submit required documentation
- Previous revocation of a certificate held by the applicant
- Evidence of fraud or deceit with respect to documentation required by and submitted to the department
- Failure to present the identification card upon request of a department representative at a UST system installation, repair or closure.
- Willful violation of the laws and regulations of Louisiana regarding the UST system installation, repair, or closure
- Any other cause that, in the opinion of the administrative authority, constitutes adequate grounds for denial or revocation of a certificate.



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Appeal of Denial or Revocation

- *A person who has been denied issuance or renewal of a certificate or who has had a certificate revoked may appeal the action.*